a valid yellow-fever vaccination certificate and if coming from a yellow fever endemic country, within six days of their departure from that country are quarantined at the yellow-fever hospital and registered. The number of such passengers referred by immigration department is only one during 1999-2000 and none during 2000-2001.

Recommendation of Scientific Advisory Community on Herbal Production

50. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seven medicinal plants out of 45 recommended by the Scientific Advisory Community on Herbal Production have been approved for special attention;

(b) if so, whether any mechanism has been evolved which will formulate plant-based action plan in cultivation, post-harvest technology, R&D activities, manufacturing and marketing facilities etc. so that alternate system of medicine could ensure effective treatment and its acceptability by general public; and

(c) what is the quantum of budgetary allocation for this alternate system of medicine and its comparative ratio with allopathic system?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Medicinal Plants Board has been set up to coordinate activities related to various aspects of development of medicinal plants including *ex-situ/in-situ* cultivation, development of protocols for cultivation including post-harvest technology, scientific/ technological research and the aspects related to marketing of these plants.

(c) Budget allocation for Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homeopathy, Department of Health and Department of Family Welfare is as under:

(Rs. in crores)

	Plan	Non-Plan
Department of ISM&H	120.00	45.56
Department of Health	1426.74	1314.38
Department of Family Welfare	4210.00	752.28

News-item "Resident Doctors work in squalid condition"

51. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has drawn to the news-item captioned "Resident Doctors work in squalid condition" published in the Times of India, dated 1st July, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto in relation to Central Government Hospitals; and

(c) whether Government would consider constituting a Committee for looking into their problems and suggesting remedy for them?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. P. THAKUR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The resident doctors are allotted accommodation as per the availability in the campus of Dr. RML Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and LHMC & Associated Hospitals and no licence fee is charged from the resident doctors for the accommodation provided. However, those who have not been provided with accommodation are entitled for house rent allowance as per rules. Potable water and electricity are provided free of charges. Mess/canteen facility is directly managed by the resident doctors association in the respective hospitals. Safaikarmacharis have been provided to clean the toilet and premises of the hostel. In case, any problem is noticed, the same is resolved by wardens/head of the institution.

(c) In view of (b) above, there is no such proposal.